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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



Verge

Gaza Strippers and the Reggae Cowboys invade the Dungeon this weekend.
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Sports

Men's basketball team searches for third straight win at Arkansas State Saturday.
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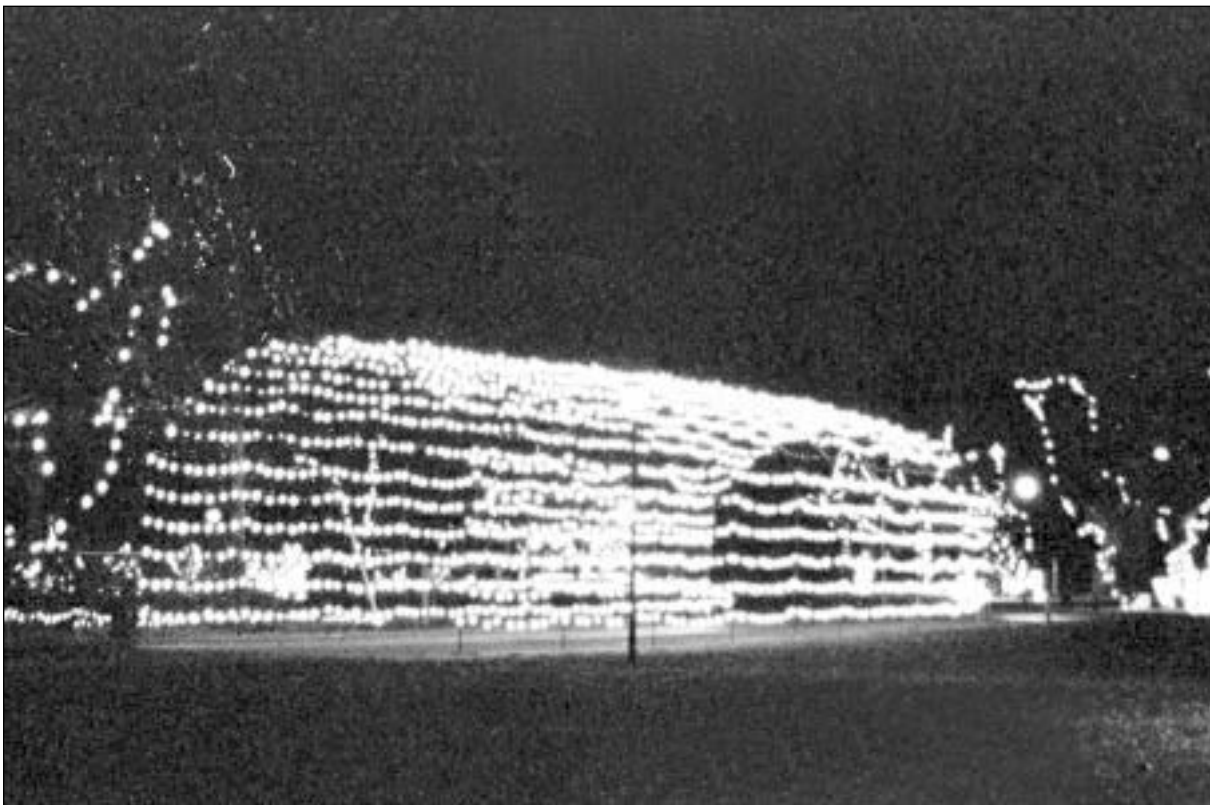
Sports

Wrestlers return to action at Saint Louis Saturday.

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Festival of lights



Kate Mitchell / Staff photographer

The annual Mattoon Lightworks display at Peterson Park features a lighted tunnel for cars to pass through. The whole park is illuminated with lights as visitors drive through and look at many displays that local businesses and organizations have set up throughout the park. The park lights are on display from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Mattoon puts on illuminating show for holidays

By Amber Williams
Staff writer

Everyone who is yet to get into the holiday spirit this year only needs to make one stop – the light works at Peterson Park in Mattoon.

Viewing Christmas lights has become an activity as familiar to Christmas as eating candy canes and singing carols. Taking a trip through the display of familiar holiday characters is fast becoming a holiday tra-

dition for many families.

Driving through the festive light show is a 5-minute trip well worth taking. It brings you back to the days when Santa Claus was real and opening Christmas presents was the most magical part of the entire year.

At the light works, students can be greeted by Santa and his reindeer and experience the 12 Days of Christmas in a blinking light display, as well as many other festive creations.

The display should be a fun experience for people of all ages, including everyone from your little brother to your great aunt. Everyone can also enjoy the free candy canes that are handed out at the light works.

The light works is sponsored by local businesses and donations are accepted.

The lights begin at dark every night until the day after Christmas. Peterson Park is located on the 500 block of Broadway Avenue.

Student injured in crash

Single-car accident leaves 27-year-old in fair condition

By Shauna Gustafson
City editor

An Eastern student was transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign early Thursday morning after a one-car accident near Greek Court.

Steven D. Owens, a 27-year-old industrial technology major from Mount Zion, struck a utility pole on the East Circle of Greek Court.

Owens is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and lives at the fraternity house in Greek Court.

The accident occurred at about 12:03 a.m. Thursday.

Owens was originally brought to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and was later transferred while in critical condition to Carle at about 4:30 a.m. Thursday, said Vicki Woodard of media relations.

As of 4 p.m., Owens was upgraded to fair condition by Carle.

No details of the accident have been released by police, but alcohol may have played a factor in the crash.

“We don’t know much,” said Craig Holuj, president of the Eastern chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. “Our biggest concern is for his health.”

Holuj said members of the fraternity were taking the news hard.

“We’re just trying to stay together,” he said. “We’ve got guys (in the house) and they’re all very good friends.”

Holuj said he did not know how much Owens had had to drink that night.

“He was, I would assume, pretty intoxicated,” Holuj said.

AIDS quilt returns for ‘moving’ display on campus

By Jamie Moore
Activities editor

Memorial will be shown in Union walkway

A portion of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed on campus today and Monday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union walkway as part of the World AIDS Day campaign.

“Everyone remembers when the quilt first started in the late 80s,” said Katie Rezinias, Health Education Campaign committee member. “I remember seeing the huge quilt taking up the lawn by the White House and seeing so many people.”

The quilt, which will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, will have sections that will represent members of the area communi-

ty who have died from AIDS.

“Families of those who died will come to view the quilt,” she said. “It will be very moving.”

Along with the local community members, those of fame who have died of AIDS might also be displayed.

“A few years ago, Arthur Ashe’s section of the quilt was displayed at Eastern,” she said.

Next to the quilt, the committee will place signature squares, made of fabric, that will allow viewers to express the emotions they are feeling.

During the holiday season, people tend to miss loved ones who have passed away. The signature

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Katie Rezinias,
Health Education Campaign member

squares will give those who have lost loved ones to AIDS the chance to share with others what they are feeling, Rezinias said.

“(AIDS) used to be a disease that people did not talk about. People knew that people died, but that was all that was known,” she said.

Today AIDS education has grown and more people are aware of the disease.

“A recent study showed that female college students are the fastest growing age group being infected by HIV,” Rezinias said.

“(The Health Education campaign committee) got help from the University Board Human Potential Committee in bringing the quilt to Eastern by giving money,” she said.

Certain rules must be followed when unwrapping and folding up

the quilt. In addition to the ceremony rules, three to five people must be with the quilt at all times of display, she said.

The committee is also sponsoring a BYOB, Bring Your Own Blanket, for the movie “Philadelphia.” The movie will be shown from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union University Ballroom.

Volunteers are still needed to sit with the quilt during display. Those wishing to volunteer must wear all white, or a white shirt and khakis, so as to not take away from the quilt itself, she said.

Those wishing to volunteer can contact the Health Education Resource Center at 581-7786.

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Greenwood School Museum to hold
program to celebrate Christmas

By Shauna Gustafson
City editor

Greenwood School Museum will hold a program Sunday to commemorate Christmas' past. The museum, located at 800 Hayes Ave. on Eastern's campus, will hold the event from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the community will act out the way a traditional

Christmas celebration would have been held at the old school house. Local 4-H Club members will act as the part of students at the old school house, and Coles County Historical Society Director Renee Henry will act as the teacher.

According to a press release, the students will sing songs of the season and recite poems that go back to the period of the 1930s,

when the school was still in use. They also will perform tableaux vivants, which are paintings, statues or artwork posed by live actors. Greenwood School was built in 1895 near Ashmore, and was used until the 1940s. It was moved to Eastern's campus and donated to the historical society in the 1970s.



Kate Mitchell / Staff photographer

Eastern Jazz Combo members play three combos Thursday night at Friends & Co. The combos are directed by faculty jazz pianist Michael Stryker. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble were special guests for the concert, and included Seth Dahm on piano, John Wimsett on flute, Woods Miller on trumpet, Nay Wright on drums, Michael Pugh on bass, and Doug Howell on vibes.

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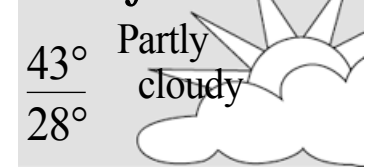
today



Saturday



Sunday



Correction

An article in Thursday's edition of the Daily Eastern News included incorrect information taken from a press release. Excellence in Fine Arts Scholars can be freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. In the same article information incorrectly stated the monitory award for the scholars. Excellence in Fine Arts Scholars do not have their tuition paid for. The News regrets the errors.

police
blotter

Theft

Jeremy Hott, of Thomas Hall, reported on Nov.14 that his GT Aggressor bicycle had been stolen from his place of residence, a police report stated.

What's on
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What's on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cualt2@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Students will have the chance to relax, meet people at Christmas party

By Amanda King
Staff writer

Students have the opportunity to make some new friends at Saturday's Natural Ties Christmas party. The party will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on at the Alpha

Sigma Alpha chapter room in Greek Court. Natural Ties is a non-profit organization that creates and supports friendships between people with and without disabilities, said Missy Ogle, public relations chair of Natural Ties. These friendships help dis-

abled people to further become members of the community, she said. "We would love to get more people involved," Ogle said. "People can also check out the Web site at www.naturalties.org." Natural Ties is present in 14 communities across the country

in which other organizations sponsor a disabled individual in a group home. Several sororities and fraternities at Eastern sponsor individuals through Natural Ties, she said. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the party.

Today

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., AIDS Memorial Quilt on display, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Walkway
7 p.m., "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Mainstage, Doudna Fine Arts Center

Saturday

2 p.m., "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," Mainstage, Doudna Fine Arts Center
3 p.m., the movie "Phildelphia," Martin Luther King Jr University Union University Ballroom
5 p.m., "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," Buzzard Auditorium
8 p.m., "The Breakfast Club," Buzzard Auditorium

Sunday

2p.m., "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," Mainstage, Doudna Fine Arts Center

purpose to serve the community, as well as to give the communication disorder and science majors the

Eastern's clinic is a good service for the community, said Micaela

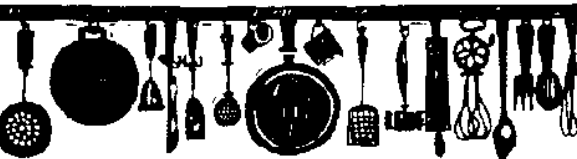
This program has been around since 1960, Goldacker said. The clinic was the first for people with communication handicaps to be established in east central Illinois, according to the communication disorders and science Web site.



Sophomore Y.B.S. members Marquis Gilmore, a speech communications major, Deshawn Dennis, a computer management major, John Branch, a speech communications major, and Garry Clark, a business management major all wait inside Thomas Hall for the shuttle bus Thursday afternoon. To avoid walking to Old Main in the cold, they chose to wait for the bus.

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Still no parking solution

One reoccurring complaint on campus is that students can't find a place to park. After today, this complaint will still be heard in the classrooms, parking lots and anywhere else students gather.

At the beginning of this semester, students had a glimmer of hope that their parking woes would be solved. A new parking lot was being added to the campus next to Booth Library and across from Coleman Hall.

But this new addition to the campus will not solve student's problems with finding a place to park. Instead, it will only return a handful of spaces that were taken away from them at the beginning of the semester.

In the Aug. 23 edition of The Daily Eastern News, Sgt. Ron Osborne said that more student parking would be made available with the opening of the new parking lot.

The original pitch to the student body was the new parking lot would be designated student/staff. Instead, parking officials have gone back on their word to the students.

Starting today, the new parking lot will be labeled as a staff lot, not a student lot. On Thursday, the University Police Department allowed anyone to park in the lot because the staff parking signs were not posted.

The new parking lot has the capacity to hold about 150 cars. A small portion of the lot will not be made available to staff members because these spots have been reserved for the construction equipment used for the Booth Library Renovation Project.

So where are students left in all of this? Right now it appears that they will only regain a handful of spots in the W Lot, across from Taylor Hall, and a couple of spots in other parking lots.

These added spots fall short of the needed space students need to park.

The newly constructed Ninth Street Lot, behind Buzzard Hall, is already overflowing with cars. On any given day, upper-class students are left parking outside of the designated parking spots, leaving them vulnerable to a \$40 ticket from the UPD.

The ultimate decision as to who will be allowed to park in the new lot will be left up to the Parking Committee scheduled to meet sometime before the end of the semester.

Students should request that the lot be designated to students as it was originally promised to them.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

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Today's quote

You cannot live on other people's promises, but if you promise others enough, you can live on your own.

Mark Caine

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Housing rules a little extreme



Julie Bartlow
Features editor

Some of the rules this university enforces are absolutely retarded. Don't get me wrong, I'm not the type of person that goes around breaking rules. I barely complain about them in the first place. But I think this time I have reason to gripe.

On Sunday after returning from Thanksgiving break, I was in for a little surprise when I arrived at my residence hall. When I unlocked the door to my room, to my amazement there were two little strips of paper on each side of the room and some bare spots on my desk where something was missing.

The strips of paper said I owed \$15 for balls of wax that were left in my room over break. Yes, \$15 for a bunch of candles that I've never lit or have ever had any intention of lighting. They were just for decoration. I even cut the dern wicks off to prevent a fire that I knew couldn't happen in the first place, unless some mystical creature of fire flew into my room and burped a flame onto them.

In the blue handbook of wonderful rules for Eastern, it clearly states on page 53 that there is to be no fireworks, incense or candles because it is a fire hazard. Yeah, so maybe I am at fault, and just need to fork over the \$15 and get over it. But is the university stupid to not know there are people who live on smoking floors? I'm sure these people who light their cigarettes also are putting the halls at risk for a fire, if not at a greater risk. It's easier to catch a room on fire with a cigarette than a candle that's never been lit.

I can understand maybe if I was fined for having a bag of weed laying out on my desk, or even if my trash can was full of old and smelly food. But for a few candles? Come on. The smoking floors allow cigarettes, lighters and

“Instead of jumping on my case about having candles in my room, the staff and university needs to look into the more serious situations.”

matches. So what's the problem with a piece of wax just sitting in my room?

I know there are other girls from my residence hall who also came back from break and found little strips of paper saying they owe \$15 for balls of wax, too. I found out that more than 60 candles were confiscated during Thanksgiving break from my hall. Where is all the cash from the fees going?

Probably to install bigger ashtrays on the smoking floors.

The most ridiculous thing about having my candles confiscated is that I'm threatened with idea that if I don't pay my \$15 I don't get my candles back, and even if I were to pay the \$15 right on the spot, I don't get my candles until the end of the semester before I leave for Christmas break. Oh puh-lease.

So, I have come to this conclusion when it's time for my room to be "checked out" again, I'm going to replace all of the bare spots where my candles were and replace them with lighters. Since the smoking floor can light cigarettes, but not candles, then I can have lighters to replace my candles.

Instead of jumping on my case about having candles in my room, the staff and university need to look into the more serious situations. I know that on several other cases alcohol is kept in rooms and stolen public property like stop signs. They need to stop trying to find little excuses to take money from the students. Don't they take enough from us already?

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Kudos to 'model employee'

I would like to take the opportunity to thank an employee of our university. It is a wonderful thing to cooperate with someone who performs their work at a level of excellence, and I thought I would share it with the university community the impressed felling that this collaboration has left me with.

Ms. Mickey Carrell is a Data Processing Production Controller

Your turn

Letters to the editor

III in the office of Academic Assessment and Testing. I troubled her to help me with my undergraduate thesis by scoring Scantron sheets for me. As an undergraduate, my work was of little priority compared to faculty tests and research and graduate students' work. Despite this lack of priority, Ms.

Carrell was incredibly courteous, timely and precise in her work. Often, I received my data back (via e-mail) later in the same day that I had dropped it off to her.

Ms. Carrel is a model employee, as well as a kind person, and she should be proud in knowing this. I hope that this letter in some way acknowledges her fine work.

Jeff Dressel
senior, psychology and sociology major

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RHA president resigns after only two weeks

By **Jeremy Pelzer**
Staff writer

Joe Harr, who was elected as the Residence Hall Association president on Nov. 16, resigned Thursday night, citing a "conflict of interest."

Harr remains the president of Ford Hall and a member of the Student Senate's Apportionment Board.

In a letter to the RHA, Harr said that several people, including Tommy Brewer, student vice president of financial affairs and chair of AB, advised him that remaining on these

positions while RHA president might lead to a possible conflict of interest.

Harr said he made a "rash decision" in accepting the RHA presidency.

In other business, RHA members agreed to support a student forum, and discussed purchasing a computer.

Jenna Moroney, organizer of the forum, said the student forum would allow students to voice their opinions to members of the administration.

"It will be a panel of students talking about student issues," said

Moroney, an assistant resident director at Pemberton Hall

Several administrators have been invited to the forum, Moroney said.

The forum will be on Jan. 11, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

RHA members also discussed allocating \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new computer for the RHA and National Residence Hall Honorary office. The NRHH has already allocated \$1,000 for the purchase of the computer.

The computer would be used to record RHA information, such as the budget, attendance records, and as a database, said Kristen Wooden, RHA member.

Three new art courses will be added to curriculum

By **Karen Kirr**
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday unanimously approved three new art courses, which will become required art courses for art education majors and optional for middle level education majors and special education majors.

Art professors Patricia Belleville, Gene Harrison and Glenn Hild, representing the art department, attended the meeting to answer questions.

Hild said although the three courses will appear in next year's course catalog, they will initially begin offering two of the courses in fall 2002.

"These two art courses (Art 3400, Art for Education for Elementary

Schools and Art 3405, Art Education for Elementary Schools Studio) will be open to juniors," Hild said.

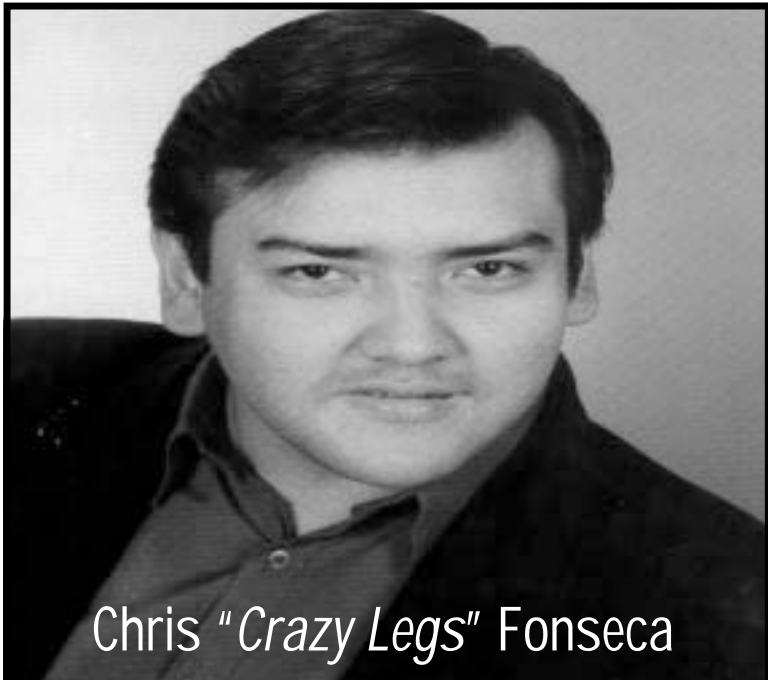
He said Art Education for secondary Schools Studio (Art 3415) will begin being offered in the spring of 2003.

Hild said the art department's decision to revise its curriculum was based on the fact that the department has found students need to have a broad base of activities when they go out and teach in the public schools.

"These courses also increase art education hours by one," Hild said.

The addition of the courses inevitably created the need to drop specific courses.

"We will be dropping Art 2400 and Art 2410," Hild said.



Chris "Crazy Legs" Fonseca

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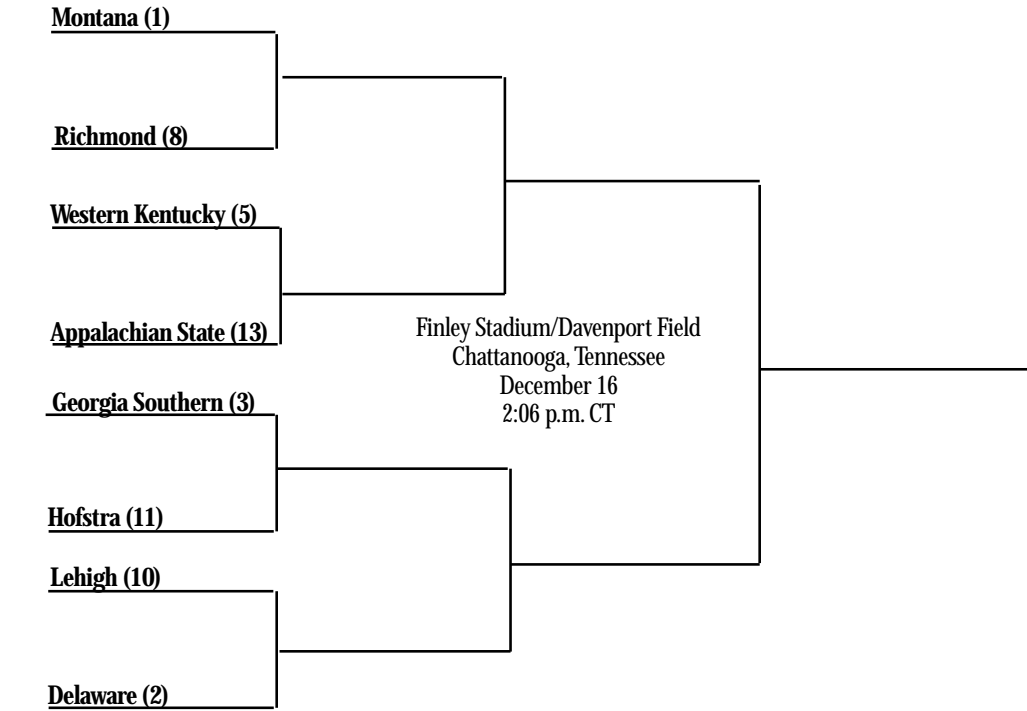
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Final field of eight features three first-round underdogs

By Anthony Braviere
Associate sports editor

After one week of the Division I-AA playoffs, there have been many good games, but they will pale in comparison to the games that are to come this weekend around the country.

In the top half of the bracket, the No.1-ranked Montana Grizzlies will take on the Richmond Spiders. Montana got into the second round

by defeating Eastern 45-13, while Richmond beat Youngstown State, 10-3.

The winner of the Montana/Richmond game will play the winner of the Western Kentucky/Appalachian State game.

The Hilltoppers, who won the Ohio Valley Conference, blew out I-AA power Florida A&M 27-0 in their first round game while Appalachian State beat Troy State, a program that will move into to the Division I-A

ranks next year, 33-30.

In the bottom half of the bracket, No.3 Georgia Southern, who drubbed McNeese State 42-17 in the first round, will play Hofstra, who upset Furman 31-24 to move on.

One of those two teams will play either Lehigh, who shocked the I-AA world by beating Western Illinois 37-7, or its opponent, the Delaware Fighting Blue Hens, the No.2 team in the country who defeated Portland State 49-14 last weekend.

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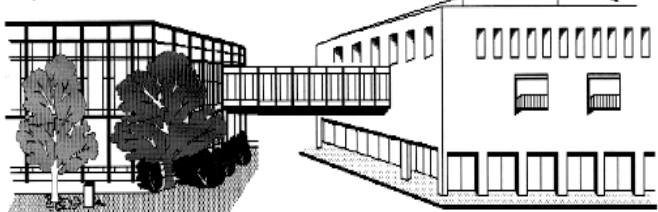
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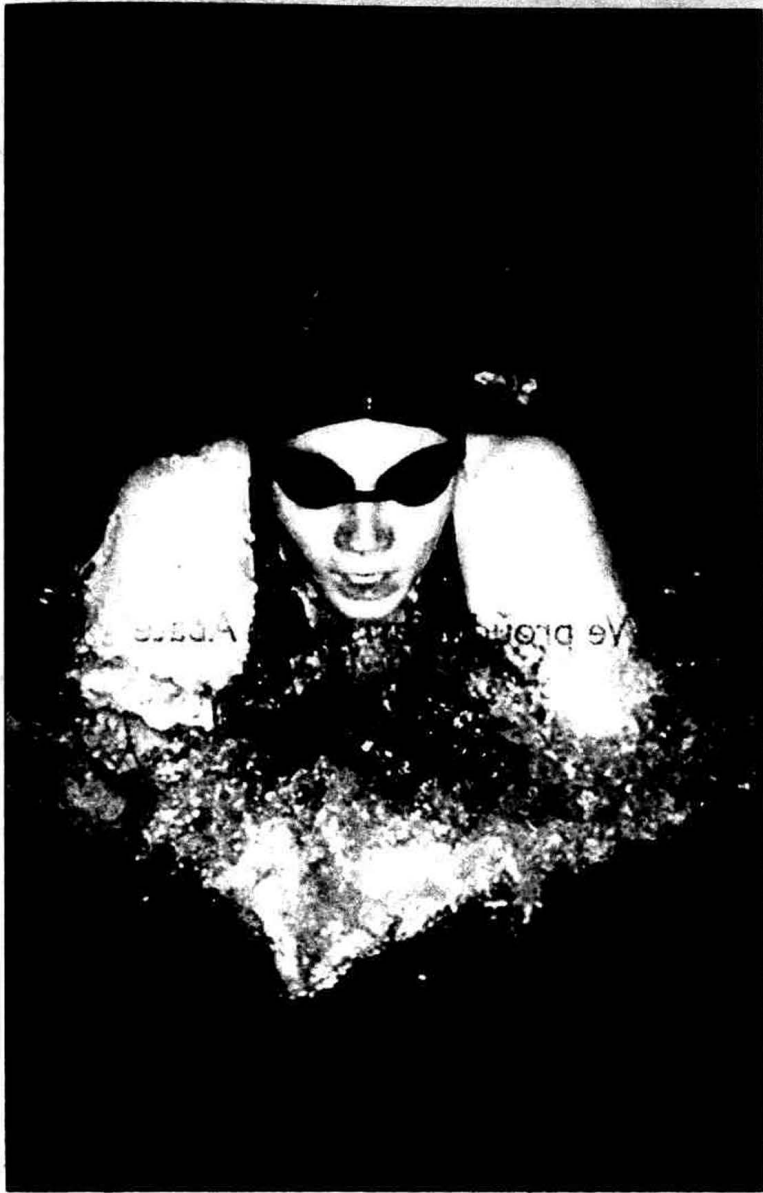
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Panther swimmer Chrissy Przybynski works on her breast stroke during practice Thursday afternoon.

Panthers face off against Billikens for second time this season

By Kristin Rojek
Sports editor

The men's and women's swim teams will head to Missouri Saturday to face Saint Louis for the second time this season.

The Billikens finished third in the women's division of the Panther Invite Nov. 3 while the Saint Louis men finished second. Eastern captured both the men's and women's divisions in the invitational.

"The women's team has not been as strong as they've been in the past, so we should have some real good races there," head coach Ray Padovan said. "Although the men's team beat them at the invite, it's not like we'll have a real hard time, but they're an extremely talented team."

Saint Louis has advanced overall in its depth and will provide a good, competitive meet for Eastern Saturday. The dual meet is the first for Eastern since facing Western Nov. 10.

"We've come off a little bit of a break," Padovan said. "We swam well at our invitational meet in early November and at Western the following weekend we swam terrible and haven't swam since."

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Bags packed, women head to Kansas U.

By Kristin Rojek
Sports editor

Following its overtime win over rival Indiana State Wednesday night, the Panther women's basketball team packed its bags and headed to Lawrence, Kansas Thursday morning for the KU Credit Union Jayhawk Classic Tournament.

Eastern (2-2) opens its tournament play with a 7:05 game against Kansas University.

The Jayhawks are 4-1 and holding their heads high after Tuesday's 73-60 win over No. 24 Illinois. Kansas went on an 18-1 run spearheaded by Jayhawk Jaclyn Johnson. All five starters scored in the double figures to lead Kansas to a victory.

The Panthers will then follow that difficult matchup with a noon contest Saturday afternoon against Minnesota.

Minnesota is currently 3-1 after a 68-64 win over the University of Louisville Sunday. Minnesota has added three rookies Tanisha Gilbert, Kadidja Anderson and Lindsay Whalen while gaining sophomore transfer Ozlem Piroglu from Ankara, Turkey. Anderson and freshman Ebba Hemberg are also foreign players, both migrating to Minnesota from Stockholm, Sweden.

Eastern will finish its tournament play against Saint Joseph's College at 3 p.m., which will be followed by the tournament's championship game.

Wrestlers back in action

McCausland takes grapplers on the road to Saint Louis

By Anthony Braviere
Associate sports editor

Eastern's wrestling team will look to improve on its already impressive season with a good showing at the Northern Iowa Open.

There are many teams that have been invited to the tournament including the University of Iowa and fellow Big Ten member Michigan State, both of which are ranked in the top ten in the nation. Other notables are Northern Iowa, Indiana University and the University of Minnesota.

"There are a lot of good teams that are going to be in this open," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

While the Northern Iowa Open is a non-scoring competition, the Panthers will be looking to get many wrestlers experience to help prepare them for dual meets to come later in the season.

"Every year this tournament is part of our experience-based matches," McCausland said.

"We are looking for progress from some of our younger guys, who will be in their second major tournament, and the older guys, who are right there in placing in the top four in some tournaments."

While not getting as much action against some teams from other schools, the Panthers will see if the



Kate Mitchell/Staff photographer

Wrestler B.J. Bertelsman grimaces as Rob Bracey applies a chicken wing on the junior heavyweight Thursday afternoon at practice. The Panthers travel to Saint Louis to take on the Billikens Saturday.

couple weeks of practice away from competition will pay off.

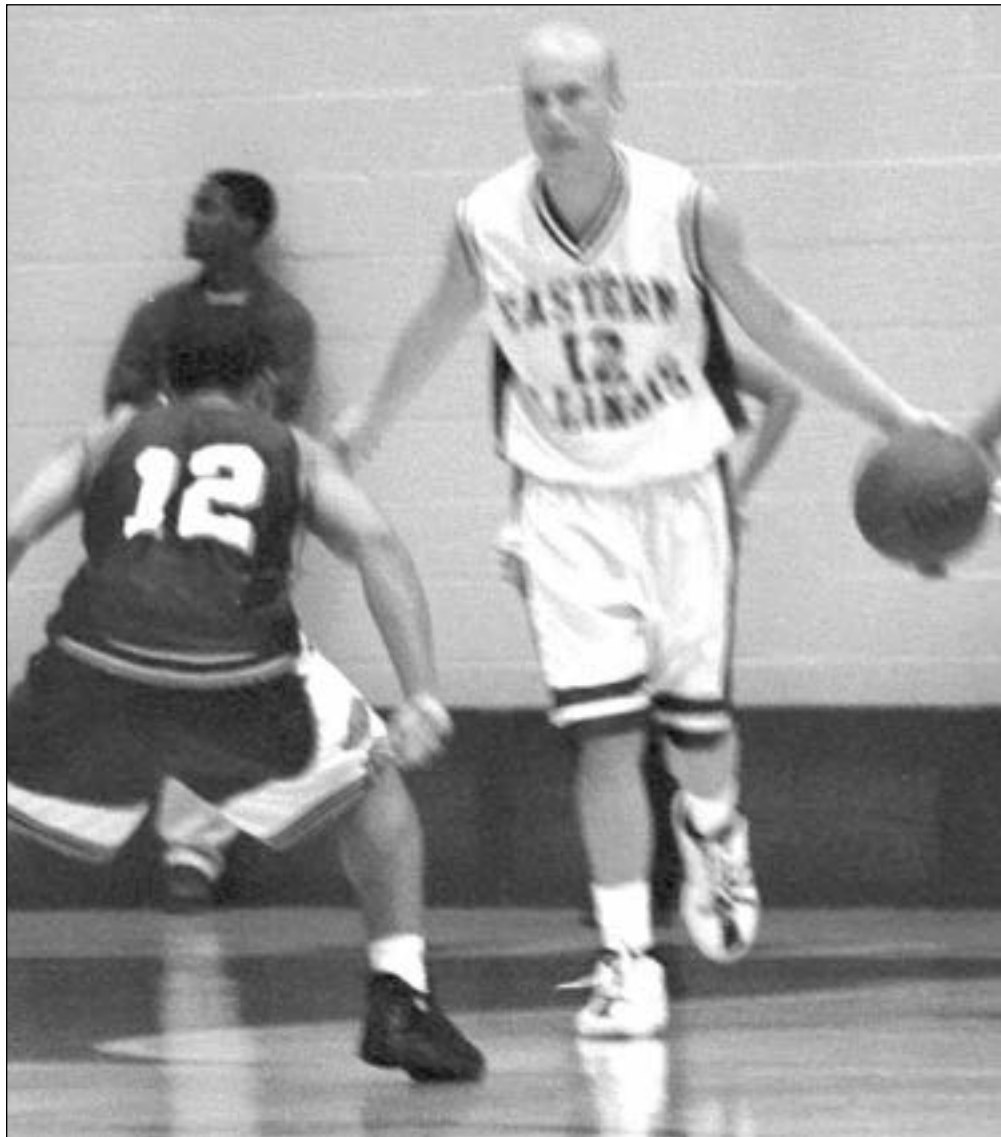
"This time off gives you an opportunity to prepare for some of

the upcoming week's competition," McCausland said.

"But this time also gives some of our guys who have been in a lot of

matches (a chance to rest). Mike Kelly, who wrestled nine matches in one day, is one of the guys who could use a rest."

Indians, Panthers - different teams, different story?



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Senior guard Matt Britton dribbles up the court in the Panthers win Wednesday night against McKendree College. Eastern takes on Arkansas State Saturday.

Eastern looks to take advantage of inexperienced Arkansas State squad

By Derek Cuculich
Staff writer

The men's basketball team will look for its first road victory of the season Saturday when it travels to Jonesboro, Ark. to take on Arkansas State.

The Panthers scored a 90-70 victory over the Indians last year, but a lot has changed for both clubs since then. Eastern will not have Marc Polite to pour in 32 points like he did last year, and Arkansas State lost four senior starters from last season's squad.

"They're a new team," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "They have four new starters, so we hope to catch them before they really have good team chemistry."

"They are also big and athletic," he said. "They have a 7-foot transfer from the University of Arkansas who's very good."

That 7-foot center is former Arkansas Player of the Year, Jason Jennings. The junior center is averaging 10.6 points per game along with seven rebounds.

Complementing Jennings in the front court is forward Kolin Weaver. The junior enters Saturday's game averaging 11.6 points per game and 9.8 rebounds.

"(Weaver) has improved tremendously," Arkansas State head coach Dickey Nutt said.

"He's very focused and is a player that can take over the leadership role on this team."

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Eastern head coach

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"Weaver's a nice player," Samuels said. "I think he's one of the more versatile weapons they have."

To counter act the scoring of Jennings and Weaver, the Panthers will have to keep effectively using their base line trap and force the Indian guards to hit jump shots. Arkansas State is shooting a woe-ful 28.3 percent from three-point land.

For the Panthers, their outside shooting will need to stay hot to pick up the road win.

"We need to be an effective jump-shooting team," Samuels said. "And we are feeling better about our shooting (after the last two games)."

Eastern will also look to its bench for support. Freshman Jesse Mackinson and sophomore Craig Lewis have stepped in to give the team a boost.

"We have a lot of guys who can play," senior guard Kyle Hill said.

"They need to get into it more. We'll need to get everyone involved."



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FRIDAY NIGHT



THE GAZA STRIPPERS

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SATURDAY NIGHT



REGGAE COWBOYS

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spend a weekend in THE DUNGEON

by **ben tully**
Staff writer

The Gaza Strippers will descend upon us from Chicago tonight in what promises to be one of the most exciting rock shows Charleston will see this year.

Frontman Rick Sims continues to make his mark in the rock n' roll world as the Strippers tour their new album "1000 Watt Confessions."

"The Gaza Strippers are definitely where we want to be right now. The sound we have now is what I envisioned when this band got started," said Sims in a phone interview.

The Strippers sound is big and bad with an equally stunning show to match. The rule for tonight's performance is strictly be there or be square.

Sims fronted the punk band The Didjits during the late '80s and early '90s out of Champaign, Ill.

A California punk band, The Offspring, were big fans and covered a Didjits song "Killboy Powerhead," giving Sims a healthy boost in funds through royalty checks after the Offspring album achieved record-breaking sales.

Sims' bands always have been on independent labels where he can enjoy creative freedom. When asked if he would ever consider a major label deal,

Sims answered that the most enticing aspect of a major label is massive exposure.

The Strippers now are on the California label Lookout! Records, former home to California punk band Green Day.

As a band, The Gaza Strippers have faced a few changes and incarnations since Sims formed the original lineup over two years ago. They recently replaced bad-boy punk Cory Staler, who went on to join the Winthropes, with drummer Mark Allen. Second guitarist Mike Hodgkiss easily could give Ted Nugent a run for his money. And Sims' expert songwriting abilities gives

The Gaza Strippers a sound so rocking it makes the '70s rock scene look like a dress rehearsal.

The Salt Water Vampires will open the festivities, followed by the unapologetically rocking band Swampass, a band from Charleston who can be heard on the compilation "A Fist Full Of Rock N' Roll" (Caroline) with the Gaza Strippers.

You can check out their Web sites at www.gazastrippers.com and www.swampass.net.

The Gaza Strippers perform tonight at the Dungeon. The show, which starts at 10 p.m., is a 21 and over show. A \$5 admission price will be charged.

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That Verge Column

Passing of the torch

by **jamie moore**
Verge editor

Hello everyone! Faithful readers will know that former Verge editor Sean Stangland has stepped down from his position as editor and plans to follow Marilyn Manson around on tour for the next semester. Well, not really, I can't back that up. What I do know though, is that Sean has done a marvelous job the past few semesters as editor and leaves some pretty big shoes for me to fill. Good luck on your final semester at Eastern, Sean!

As for all of you, you're stuck with me for the spring semester to bring you all the happening, entertainment wise on campus and in the community.

It's been awhile since the Verge has been in female hands, but have no fear ... you're not going to see a total transformation into a femi-nazi paper; however, I do have some new ideas to bring to the Verge.

What I'm most excited about for the upcoming semester is a new column I'm beginning for food reviews. Who doesn't love to eat and try out new places? Okay, so the supermodels don't count, but for the 99.9% of the population who does, tune in to discover cuisine new and old in the local areas and communities.

Another column to make a comeback in the Verge will be book reviews. "Abrush with Books" as it has so lovingly been deemed, will discuss the latest in new releases on hard cover and paperback. Yes, that's right, we'll be reviewing paperback too, since a majority of us cannot afford to run out to the nearest book store and spend \$30 to \$40 on a new hard-cover book.

I also would like to see old books revisited. Society tends to get so hyped up with the new releases, that we forget about the classics that changed the things society believed.

The CD reviews that have become so popular

with everyone will stay in the Verge, but they will have a new facade.

Everyone has different tastes in music. Face it, that's what makes music so wonderful; it has the ability to reach every person. A former music major myself, have a diverse taste in music. From classical and jazz to hard-rock and country, I love it all and plan to see it all reviewed in the Verge.

Every week I will do my best to bring you multiple reviews of different kinds of music. And who said Mozart and Jay-Z couldn't mix?

For all those movie buffs out there ... the movie reviews also will remain in the Verge. The only change foreseen will be reviews of more movies per issue.

Like music, we all have different tastes in movies. As editor, I will try to serve all those tastes. So if you have a movie that you love that may not be well-known, let me know and maybe you'll see it in a future issue.

Another change that I plan on implementing as editor of the Verge is to cover Eastern's fine arts community. The Doudna Fine Arts Center is always bubbling with activity and seems a little underappreciated. Between the concerts, theater productions and art exhibits, something always is going on there. Stay tuned next semester to find out all the happenings in Doudna.

So there you have it, my plans for the upcoming semester. As you have read, new ideas are emerging and the old will become better. If you as readers have ideas of your own, you would like to see in upcoming editions let me know, or if you are not satisfied with the upcoming changes tell me. I'll do my best to work with all your requests.

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My smiles multiply and reflect in your eyes of understanding
A long awaited connection;
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and love that took the challenge.
Shiny, dull, hidden, evident--
the moon has always been above us.

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Words of Wisdom



from your **CRAZY** Uncle Matt

Sick and Tired ...

As I sit here with my industrial size jar of Vicks Vapo Rub and my three gallon bottle of Robitussin that I got from Health Circus, many negative thoughts go through my head. In a state like this you just can't help but think about all the things that suck about college. Even though there is a huge list of negative things that can be said about higher education they are all dwarfed by one thing...BEING SICK!

I personally think that the worst thing that can happen to a college student is getting sick. Remember when we lived at home and got sick? Mom would always move the TV to our room, cover us up with a nice warm blanket and feed us chicken noodle soup and 7Up.

Unfortunately that is not how things work at the college level. When you get sick at college, you still need to go to class, go to work, keep up with your homework and the closest you get to chicken noodle soup is chicken flavored Ramen. Let's face it ... being sick in college is NOT AN OPTION! Unfortunately a bug of some kind or another always seems to catch up with you sooner or later. So I suggest you make the most out of it! There is really nothing you can do but take your drugs (prescription of course) and wait for your white blood cells to kick the crap out of whatever kind of nasties are in your system. You might as well have a little fun while your at it. Am I right? OF COURSE I AM!

One of the keys to making the most out of your sickness is to take the right medication. My suggestions would be a few

shots of NyQuil with a Robutussin chaser. Over the counter medication has never been so much fun! I believe Dennis Leary said it best when he said "NyQuil, NyQuil, NyQuil we love you...you giant @!\$\$&!% Q!" Of course I am not advocating the abuse of over the counter drugs, I am just stating rumors that I have heard (yeah...that's the ticket!). Also, never underestimate the amount of fun you can have with Vapo rub!

Another thing to do that really makes the time you are sick worthwhile is the whole MOOCH FACTOR! When you are sick you can get anyone to do just about anything for you. It is a moral imperative to play up the sympathy thing when you are sick, mainly because it's really the only time you can be justified in it.

Men and women have equally as much "whine power" when they are sick. I have seen how it works on both ends. Actually when all is said and done, I believe that guys have just about cornered the market on the whole pity thing. Nothing is more pitiful than a grown man sniffling and begging someone to make him some soup.

All in all, I think we all can agree with the fact that being a sick college student SUCKS more than having to sit through a Yanni marathon on VH-1. So, drink lots of vitamin C, eat your veggies and pray to the gods of health that you stay away from all the creepy sickness bugs that are out there!

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“My suggestion would be a few shots of NyQuil with a Robitussin chaser.”

Cowboy, reggae grooves to merge at the Dungeon

by **ben tully**
Assoc. Verge editor

Say, have yah seen my ganja, pilgrim? Break out the Red Stripe and whiskey, the Reggae Cowboys are coming to Charleston.

With a tour schedule that spans months at a time, the Reggae Cowboys always are geared up and ready to rock. Front man and guitarist Stone, started the concept of a Reggae Cowboy band over six years ago in Toronto, Canada.

"We actually picked out the name first and it sparked an interest in literature about the black cowboys of the old west," Stone said in a phone interview. "They (black cowboys) are the forgotten heroes of the early United States."

The Reggae Cowboys are on tour most of the year. Their well-rehearsed show will appeal to the reggae crowd with tight Jamaican grooves by bassist Marshall J.P. and drummer Cherokee Lindo, who make up the rhythm section. Guitar and vocals by Stone and Clik give the Reggae Cowboys'

their full sound, while rocking it out leaving fans of all music satisfied.

"People have a hard time pegging down what our sound is. We play rock shows and reggae fests as well as blues and jazz fests," Stone said.

This will be The Reggae Cowboys second show at the Dungeon and Stone obviously loved Charleston; the Cowboys stop in to say hello to friends whenever they tour in the area.

The first time the band played in Charleston it did two shows in one day and had a great time and the band is looking forward to coming back, Stone said.

The Reggae Cowboys recently released a record in Europe entitled "Wild West Indian" on the band's label Tumbleweed Records. The Cowboys are on the road over 200 days a year and boast many impressive gigs, such as opening for bands like the Doobie Brothers and Wide Spread Panic.

With music as a full time job, the Reggae Cowboys stay focused and dedicated to the band.

"We all get along great, and our shows are always lively, we really get it rocking," Stone said.

Their "Wild West Indian" album release in Europe places the band in a spectrum of global recognition. Not to mention the Cowboys constant touring of flawless high-energy performances blossoming their already ever growing popularity.

"People tell us if we keep going like we are going, and play the way we are playing, we will have huge success," Stone said.

The Reggae Cowboys' sound is a conglomerate of all the best aspects of rock and reggae but with an over tone that says party, party, party and have a good time.

"This is the second time the Reggae Cowboys are playing here. The first show they played here was a blast and the place was packed. We are all really looking forward to Saturday," said Shannon Sherwood, owner of Friends and Co. and the Dungeon.

Catch the Reggae Cowboys at 10 p.m. Saturday at the Dungeon. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Disney's DVDs reach full potential with Toy Story

by **ryan rinchiuso**
Staff writer

"Toy Story" 1 and 2 are, in my opinion, the best movies ever made. Every time I watch these movies, I laugh at loud. So when I heard both movies were being released on DVD, I pre-ordered them the second I could.

In the past, I have not liked Disney DVDs. They are more expensive and have less extras than other companies' DVDs. Some of my favorite movies released by a Disney company are the worst DVDs out on the market. I have "Swingers" and have seen "Pulp Fiction" on DVD, and I actually believe the VHS copies are of a better quality. But when I put in the "Toy Story" DVDs, my fears were proven unnecessary.

"Toy Story" has a flawless

video transfer and is as good as or better than any DVD out there. The colors are bright and vivid and never get blurred or out of focus.

You can see things as clearly in the background as in the foreground. The sound is THX certified which means it is very loud and separated well among the different speakers. The cool extras on this disc include commentary by the filmmakers, interviews with Buzz and Woody, a sound-effects-only track, "Toy Story" treats, and the Pixar short, "Tin Toy."

The sound effects track is the whole movie with no dialogue or music, just the noises of the movie, this is very interesting for awhile but I don't recommend trying to watch the whole movie like this in one sitting.

The commentary was very

informative and the "Toy Story" treats were fun to watch. By far the best extra was "Tin Toy"; after watching this cute and funny short I realized why it won an Oscar and why Disney wanted to work with the people of Pixar.

"Toy Story" 1 and 2 are good DVDs by themselves, but they are not great. What makes the DVDs great is the option of buying the Ultimate Toy Box set. If you pay an extra \$10 to \$20 to buy this set you get both movies and a third disc just comprised of extras. The extra money you would spend would be worth it the extras included on the third disc are great.

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New album 'clearly' displays how to smile



I ... can't ... hear ... you! There's a white thingy in my ear.

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by **melissa huston**
Staff writer

Everclear broke into the mainstream of hit music with their second album "So Much for the Afterglow" in 1997. Then over this past summer their third album "Songs From An American Movie Vol. One: Learning How To Smile" hit the stores. That CD was about as uplifting and fun as an album can get. The single "Wonderful" from Vol. 1 brought the feeling that other bands such as Hootie and the Blowfish had captured in the '90s.

This past month saw the arrival of the fourth Everclear album "Songs from An American Movie Vol. 2: Good Time for a Bad Attitude." This CD is meant to show the other half of the preced-

ing "happy life" songs. This album, although sad and angry at times, is a wonderful and healthy expression of the frustrations we all feel in our personal lives, or lack thereof.

My favorite song from this album is the first track, "When It All Goes Wrong Again." Since the grunge rock of the '90s no band has come out with a CD that is honest and still captures the feeling of life that true rock has. Rock now has become a tame rap version, which only scrapes the essence of rock n' roll. Thank you, Everclear, for being true to your style and not transforming into the emerging rock. I say do away with the rock/rap bands that the junior high and high school kids listen to, and be true to our roots in real rock that great bands, like

Everclear, are helping to keep alive.

I recommend that if you want good music, you cannot go wrong with any Everclear album. I loved their new CD even more than the previous one, but of course for me their best album still is "So Much For the Afterglow." It is our duty as the generation of new wave and grunge that we support bands like Everclear, Bush and Stone Temple Pilots who keep rock strong and who do not give up to the whims of the moment. Fads come and go, but great music will last forever.

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Manson teaches, preaches on new album

by **sean stangland**
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Finally, after a near excruciating 11 months or so, the year's most provocative, socially relevant and musically intriguing album is here. No, I'm not talking about the Backstreet Boys' "Black and Blue." Not even remotely.

The last few years have been tough on Marilyn Manson. His brilliant hearkening back to '70s British glam, "Mechanical Animals," didn't exactly set the Billboard charts on fire. He took part of the blame for the Columbine tragedy, even though it was reported that neither of the gunmen were avid listeners of his music. He became a favorite target of current vice presidential hopeful Joseph Lieberman. And he saw the music industry turn into a breeding ground for teen pop and rap-rock full of empty rage (if that makes sense).

Marilyn Manson has rage as well, rage that manifests itself as "Holy Wood (In the Shadow of the Valley of Death)," a matured, fully-developed record that draws on all of Manson's best attributes as a songwriter and a performer.

"Holy Wood" is a diatribe against pretty much our entire American culture, a culture that Manson's songs say has equated Jesus Christ with John F. Kennedy and other prominent figures of the 20th century. The album's very title seems to suggest that the line between celebrity and deity has been blurred in today's America.

Manson is obsessed with the idea of martyrs like JFK or Jesus Christ; the album's opener, "Godeatgod," makes this clear: "Dear God if you were alive / You know we'd kill you." It's almost as if Manson is begging to be a martyr himself; are there people in this world afraid of him enough to kill him? Consider these lyrics from the haunting "Lamb of God": "If you die when there's no one watching / Then your ratings drop and your forgotten / But if they kill you on their TV / You're a martyr and a lamb of God."

That song also refers to the assassination of John Lennon, and Manson owes a lot to Lennon and The Beatles for the success of "Holy Wood." Manson has said that he intended "Holy Wood" to be his "White Album," and, in a way, he has succeeded. The "White Album" (or "The Beatles," as it is actually titled) was the Fab Four's

darkest, most intriguing piece, just as "Holy Wood" is for Manson. There also are musical touches here and there that remind one of The Beatles, particularly the creepy "Hey Jude"-esque "na na nas" that finish "Target Audience (Narcissus Narcosis)."

"Holy Wood" also brings Pink Floyd, David Bowie and even Blur to mind; Manson weaves quite the musical tapestry here. Just when you think it's going to turn into another version of his 1996 smash, "Antichrist Superstar," "Holy Wood" surprises one with yet another turn of musical invention. Nothing about Manson's past work would suggest his capability for the absolutely devastating piano line in "Count to Six and Die," the album's all-too-brief closing number.

There are some unfortunate moments. No matter how heavy or catchy the album's first single ("Disposable Teens") may be, one can't deny that it's merely a variation on "The Beautiful People," Manson's most recognizable and overplayed single. There also are moments that reek of pretentiousness; the liner notes say that the album was "conceived and arranged by Marilyn Manson." I guess it's not good enough to just write a song these days.

But when Manson is on — which would be for just about this entire album — his music is powerful, crushing and inflammatory. Take "The Love Song" for instance. This is not, as you might have guessed, a flowery ballad about everlasting romance. It's about radical devotion to the three things Manson's music always has seemed most obsessed about: guns, God and government. "I've got a crush on a pretty pistol / Should I tell her that I feel this way? / I've got love songs in my head / Killing us away."

Manson declares his defiance loudly just one track later in "The Fight Song": "I'm not a slave to a God / That doesn't exist / I'm not a slave to a world / That doesn't give a shit." It's not hard to see why Manson has evoked the ire of people across the country, but it's also not hard to see why there are many people out there who understand Manson's frustration and anger, people who want to believe in a higher power but just can't because of the actions and words of those who rampantly believe in that higher power.

Will "Holy Wood" win Marilyn Manson new fans? I highly doubt it. Does he care? Probably not. Marilyn



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Manson is one of the true artists of today's rock and roll culture. He's got something to say, and he will be heard, whether you like it or not. I might not agree with everything he has to say on "Holy Wood," but I understand how someone living in today's America can get to the point where he would be saying the things he is.

In America where popular music rarely has any substance, Marilyn Manson asks the questions no one wants to ask, says the things no one wants to say and plays music that your parents don't want you to hear. Amen.

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Kappa on her engagement! Love your Sig Kap Sisters. 12/1

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CORRECTED FALL FINAL EXAM CHANGES

Students who have three final examinations scheduled for one day may change the date of one of the final examinations with the approval of the INSTRUCTOR. Requests for changes for medical or personal emergencies may also be considered. In cases not resolved between the student and the instructor, the department chair will seek resolution. Students are discouraged from requesting instructors to deviate from the published examination schedule.

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For a student to be considered a Fall Semester 2000 graduate, ALL graduation requirements must be met by 4:30 p.m. on January 05, 2001. This means any removals of incomplete, changes of grades, or official transcripts of academic work from other institutions MUST reach the Records Office by that date. If all requirements are not met, the student should reapply for graduation for Spring Semester 2001 no later than Monday, January 22, 2001, in the appropriate Dean's office. —Sue Harvey, Director of Academic Records.

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Appeals to change assigned grades must be INITIATED by the student through the appropriate instructors within four weeks after the start of the grading period following the one for which the contested grades are recorded. The deadline for Fall Semester 2000 grade change appeals is Monday, February 5, 2001. —Sue Harvey, Director of Academic Records.

FALL GRADES

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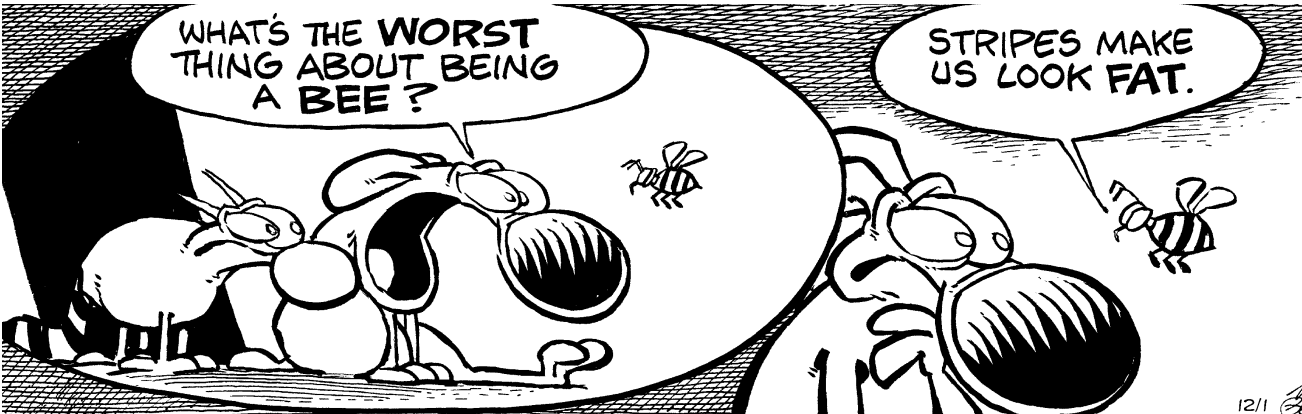
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Shyamalan's 'Sense' follow-up triumphs

by ryan rinchiuso
Staff writer

In a year full of disappointing and bad movies, "Unbreakable" was a much needed change of pace. Here is a movie that actually lives up to the expectations.

The story is about David Dunn (Bruce Willis), an everyday man who has a job working security at a college stadium and leads a normal life. This all changes when he is on a train that crashes, killing everyone who was aboard but him. David not only survives the crash, but he also survives with no injuries whatsoever. David thinks this is strange, but does not really wonder why until a mysterious note appears on his car asking if he has ever been sick. David asks his wife and boss, finding their answers very puzzling. David then goes to Elijah Price, (Samuel L. Jackson) thinking that this is the man that has the answers.

To tell you any more about the movie would be a crime. You should learn as little as possible about this movie before seeing it; you need to experience it for yourself. Go see it with a group of friends and then discuss it afterward because "Unbreakable" gets better the more you think and argue about it. "Unbreakable" is a movie with many layers and the more you peel back and expose, the better the movie becomes. People might believe that I am reading too much into this movie, but I don't believe that is true. This movie was made to be thought about and argued over, and people already are doing that. "Unbreakable" is splitting those who have seen it into two different camps: the peo-

ple who believe it is brilliant and the people who think it is stupid and boring.

I am definitely one of the people who believes that the movie is brilliant filmmaking and hopes that there will be a continuation sometime. M. Night Shyamalan proved with this movie that last year's smash hit, "The Sixth Sense," was not a fluke. Shyamalan wrote and directed this movie so well that there isn't one useless second. Every camera shot and every word of dialogue is used to push the audience closer to the finale and to give them a better understanding of it when it happens. Shyamalan's use of colors, sounds, music and scenery helps set the tone and feel of the movie. The pace of the movie is very slow, but that does not make it boring. The pacing feels like watching a whole world being put together slowly then being quickly destroyed.

The actors in this movie are some of the most popular and sought after actors in the business. With the performances they give in this movie, it is easy to see why. Bruce Willis plays David Dunn very quietly and lightly. By looking at his face you can tell his character is not happy with how ordinary and predictable his life has become. Willis was critically overlooked in "The Sixth Sense" last year because of how quiet his performance was, and I hope the same thing doesn't happen this year. Samuel L. Jackson's performance in "Unbreakable" is so powerful that it almost feels like the movie is actually about him. Jackson steals the spotlight from anyone else in the frame every time he is on screen. Jackson's character is bitter to the world, and every one of his lines and



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actions hammer this point home. Robin Wright Penn plays Willis' wife, and often enough, this type of role is very forgettable and not well written. Shyamalan gives this character a little more depth than usual and Penn uses all she is given to her advantage. Her part might not be very big in the movie, but it is one that is not easily forgotten.

Anybody going into "Unbreakable" expecting "The Sixth Sense 2" will be disappointed. It might have a similar feel,

but it is a very different story. "Unbreakable" also doesn't have any action scenes or explosions. What it does have is great acting, a complex and well-written script, and a director that is quickly becoming a master filmmaker. "Unbreakable" also is easily one of the best movies of the year.

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